

# VARIANCES

**Gamma Distribution**

→ **Chi-Square Distribution**

**Beta Distribution**

→ **F Distribution**

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**Inference - Two Variances**

# GAMMA DISTRIBUTION

Used to describe random variables bounded at one end

Most appropriate model for the time required for a total of exactly  $\eta$  independent events to take place if events occur at a constant rate  $\lambda$  (e.g., the time between consecutive maintenance operations for an aircraft that is inspected after every  $\eta$  missions)

Many phenomena that cannot be justified theoretically as gamma variates have been found empirically to be well approximated by the model (e.g., the distribution of family income)

Probability Density Function:

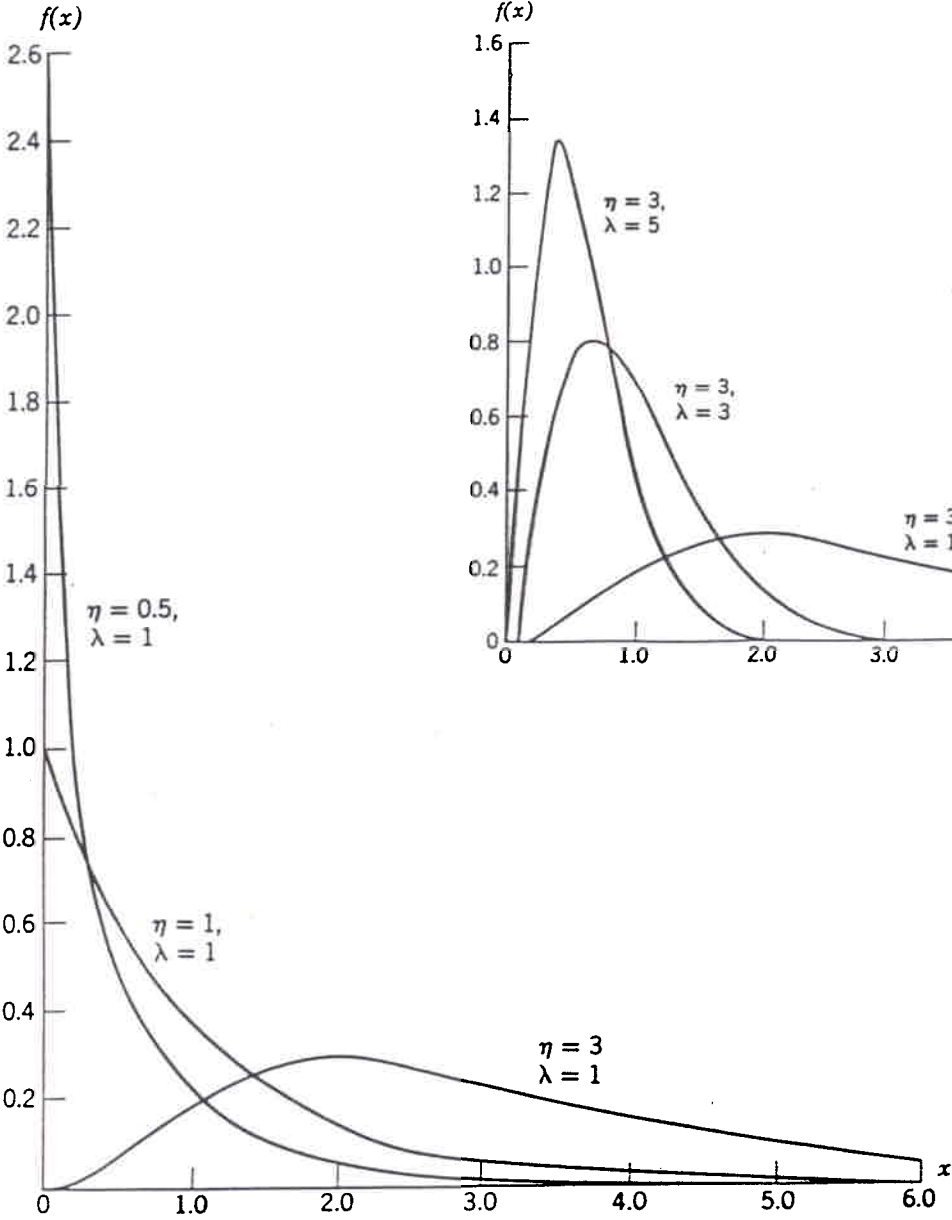
$$f(x; \eta, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^\eta}{\Gamma(\eta)} x^{\eta-1} e^{-\lambda x} \\ 0 \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$x \geq 0; \lambda > 0; \eta > 0$$

$$\text{where } \Gamma(\eta) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\eta-1} e^{-x} dx$$

and  $\Gamma(\eta) = (\eta-1)!$  when  $\eta$  is a positive integer

# GAMMA DISTRIBUTION



# CHI-SQUARE DISTRIBUTION

( $\chi^2$  Distribution)

Special case of the Gamma Distribution when  $\lambda = 1/2$  and  $\eta$  is a multiple of  $1/2$

The single parameter is the integer,  $\gamma = 2\eta$ , generally referred to as its degrees of freedom

Applications arise from the fact that the sum of the squares of the values of  $\gamma$  random observations from a standardized Normal Distribution has a Chi-Square Distribution with  $\gamma$  degrees of freedom

Probability density:

$$f(x; \gamma) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1/2)^{\gamma/2}}{\Gamma(\gamma/2)} x^{\gamma/2 - 1} e^{-x/2} \\ 0 \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

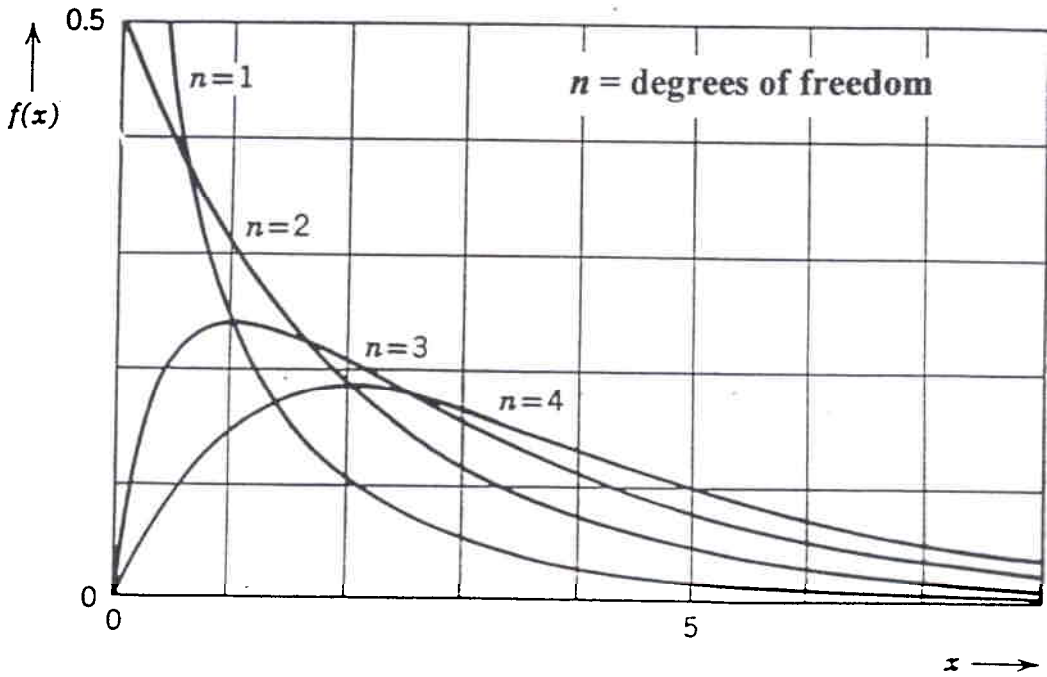
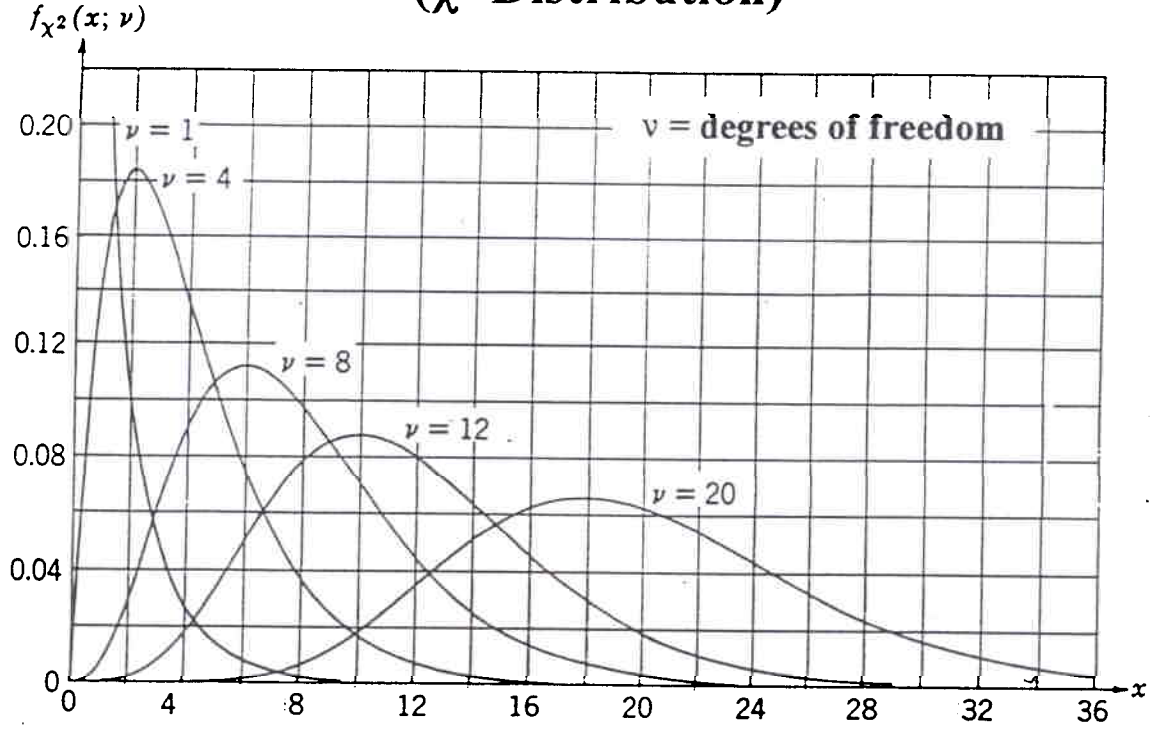
$x \geq 0$  ;  $\gamma$  a positive integer

Mean =  $\gamma$  and Variance =  $2\gamma$

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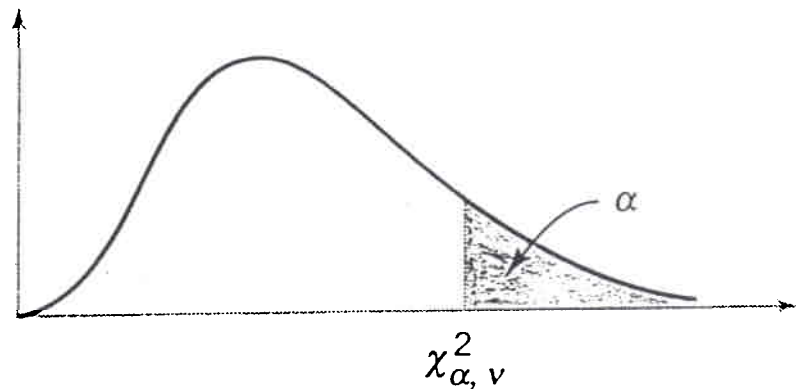


Table III Percentage Points  $\chi^2_{\alpha, \nu}$  of the Chi-Squared Distribution

$\nu \backslash \alpha$	.995	.990	.975	.950	.900	.500	.100	.050
1	.00+	.00+	.00+	.00+	.02	.45	2.71	3.84
2	.01	.02	.05	.10	.21	1.39	4.61	5.99
3	.07	.11	.22	.35	.58	2.37	6.25	7.88
4	.21	.30	.48	.71	1.06	3.36	7.78	9.49
5	.41	.55	.83	1.15	1.61	4.35	9.24	11.07
6	.68	.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	5.35	10.59	12.59
7	.99	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	6.35	12.02	14.16
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	7.34	13.36	15.51
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	8.33	14.68	16.91
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	9.33	16.01	18.31
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.57	5.58	10.34	17.35	19.68
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.31	11.35	18.58	21.03

# CHI-SQUARE DISTRIBUTION

( $\chi^2$  Distribution)

Table 5 Values of  $\chi^2_{\alpha}$

$v$	$\alpha = 0.995$	$\alpha = 0.99$	$\alpha = 0.975$	$\alpha = 0.95$
1	0.0000393	0.000157	0.000982	0.00393
2	0.0100	0.0201	0.0506	0.102
3	0.0717	0.115	0.216	0.354
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145
6	0.676	0.872	1.237	1.626
7	0.989	1.239	1.690	2.167
8	1.344	1.646	2.180	2.746
9	1.735	2.088	2.700	3.347
10	2.156	2.558	3.247	3.956
11	2.603	3.053	3.816	4.575
12	3.074	3.571	4.403	5.226
13	3.571	4.107	5.009	5.892

# BETA DISTRIBUTION

Useful model for variates whose values are limited to a finite interval

Used to represent a wide variety of physical variables such as the daily proportion of defective units on a production line and estimated time to complete a project phase (in PERT)

Probability Density Function defined over the interval (0,1):

$$f(x; \gamma, \eta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + \eta)}{\Gamma(\gamma)\Gamma(\eta)} x^{\gamma-1} (1-x)^{\eta-1} \\ 0 \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

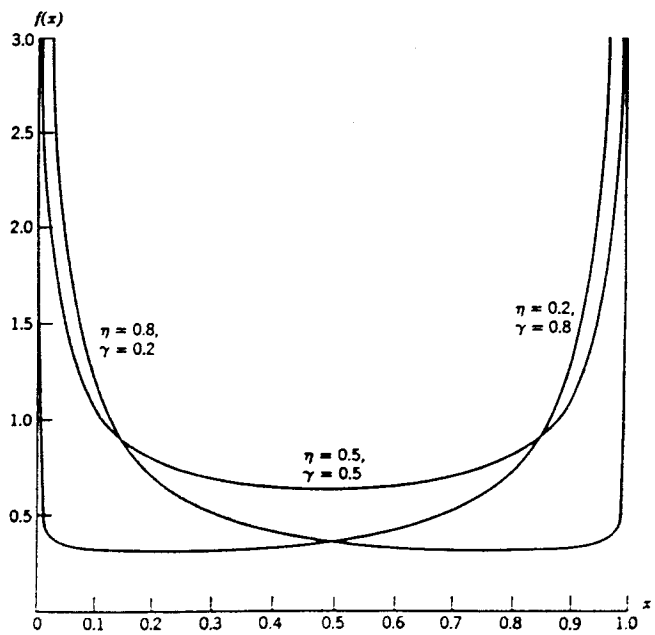
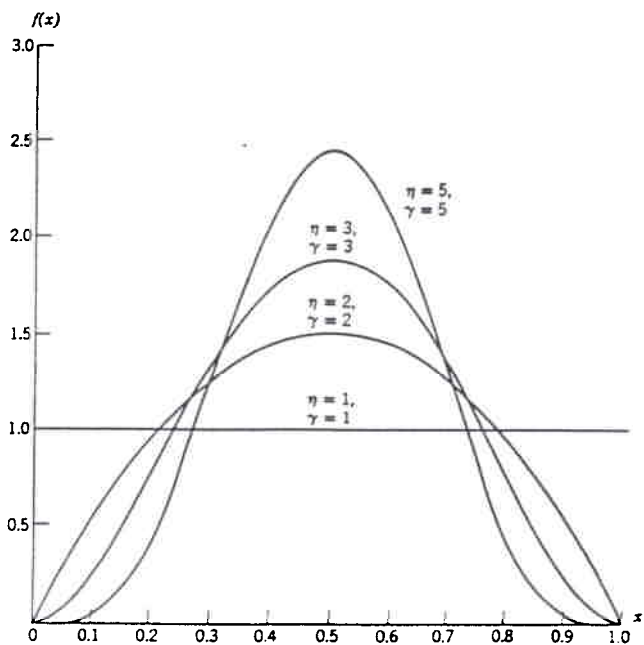
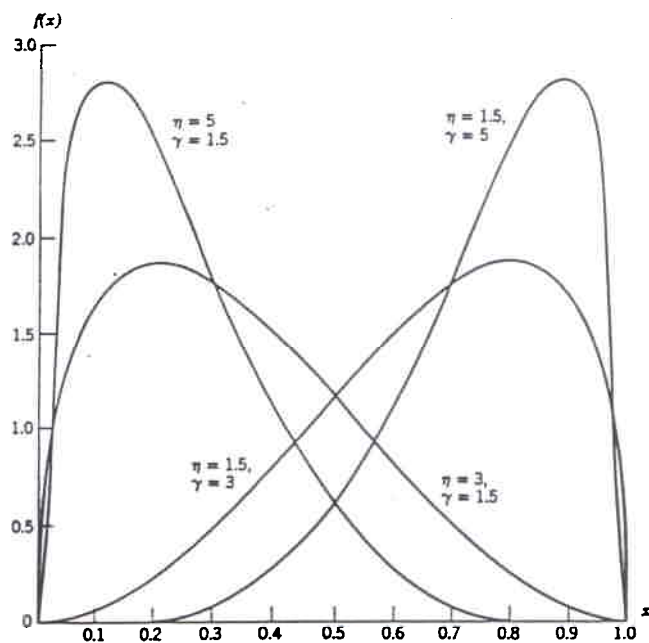
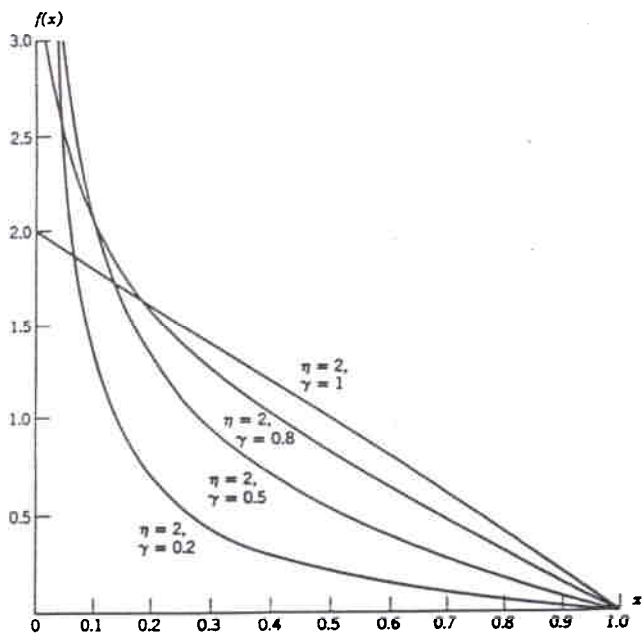
$$0 \leq x \leq 1; \quad 0 < \gamma; \quad 0 < \eta$$

$$\text{Mean} = \gamma / (\eta + \gamma)$$

$$\text{Variance} = \eta\gamma / \{ (\eta + \gamma)^2 (\eta + \gamma + 1) \}$$



# BETA DISTRIBUTION



# F-DISTRIBUTION

Primary use is as a sampling model of Normal statistics

Formed from the ratio of two Chi-Square Distributions which, with an appropriate transformation, is a form of the Beta Distribution

Use is highly dependent on confirmation of population Normality of original sampled variates

Probability Density Function, with  $(m, n)$  degrees of freedom is given by

$$f(y; m, n) = \frac{\Gamma\{(m+n)/2\}}{\Gamma(m/2)\Gamma(n/2)} \cdot \left\{\frac{m}{n}\right\}^{m/n} \frac{y^{(m/2)-1}}{\{1+(m/n)y\}^{(m+n)/2}}$$

$$0 < y; \quad 0 < m, n$$

$$\text{mean} = n/(n-2), \quad n > 2$$

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{2n^2(m+n-2)}{m(n-2)^2(n-4)}, \quad n > 4$$

# F - DISTRIBUTION

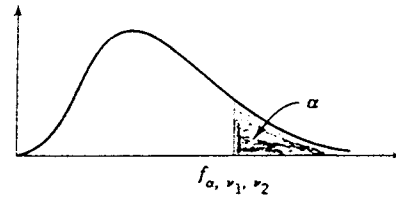


Table V Percentage Points  $f_{\alpha, v_1, v_2}$  of the F-Distribution

$f_{0.25, v_1, v_2}$

$v_2 \backslash v_1$	Degrees of freedom for the numerator ( $v_1$ )														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30
1	5.83	7.50	8.20	8.58	8.82	8.98	9.10	9.19	9.26	9.32	9.41	9.49	9.58	9.63	9.67
2	2.57	3.00	3.15	3.23	3.28	3.31	3.34	3.35	3.37	3.38	3.39	3.41	3.43	3.43	3.44
3	2.02	2.28	2.36	2.39	2.41	2.42	2.43	2.44	2.44	2.44	2.45	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46
4	1.81	2.00	2.05	2.06	2.07	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08
5	1.69	1.85	1.88	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.88
6	1.62	1.76	1.78	1.79	1.79	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.75
7	1.57	1.70	1.72	1.72	1.71	1.71	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.69	1.68	1.68	1.67	1.67	1.67
8	1.54	1.66	1.67	1.66	1.66	1.65	1.64	1.64	1.63	1.63	1.62	1.62	1.61	1.61	1.61
9	1.51	1.62	1.63	1.63	1.62	1.61	1.60	1.60	1.59	1.59	1.58	1.57	1.56	1.56	1.56
10	1.49	1.60	1.60	1.59	1.59	1.58	1.57	1.56	1.56	1.55	1.54	1.53	1.53	1.53	1.53
11	1.47	1.58	1.58	1.57	1.56	1.55	1.54	1.53	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.48
12	1.46	1.56	1.56	1.55	1.54	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.47	1.46	1.46
13	1.45	1.55	1.55	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.50	1.49	1.49	1.48	1.47	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.44
14	1.44	1.53	1.53	1.52	1.51	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.47	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.43	1.43	1.43
15	1.43	1.52	1.52	1.51	1.49	1.48	1.47	1.46	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.42	1.42
16	1.42	1.51	1.51	1.50	1.48	1.47	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.41	1.41
17	1.42	1.51	1.50	1.49	1.47	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.43	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.40	1.40
18	1.41	1.50	1.49	1.48	1.46	1.45	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.39
19	1.41	1.49	1.49	1.47	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.38
20	1.40	1.49	1.48	1.47	1.45	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.38
21	1.40	1.48	1.48	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.37
22	1.40	1.48	1.47	1.45	1.44	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.36	1.36
23	1.39	1.47	1.47	1.45	1.43	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.36	1.36
24	1.39	1.47	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35
25	1.39	1.47	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35
26	1.38	1.46	1.46	1.44	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35



# VARIANCES

*The sample variance*

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1}$$

*is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$*

*The mean of the sampling distribution of  $s^2$  is given by  $\sigma^2$*

## CONFIDENCE INTERVAL for VARIANCE of a NORMAL POPULATION

If  $s^2$  is the variance of a sample of size  $n$  from the distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then  $(n-1)s^2/\sigma^2$  has the  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $(n-1)$  degrees of freedom.

Thus we can make the statement

$$P\left[\chi^2_{(n-1), (1-\alpha/2)} \leq \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi^2_{(n-1), (\alpha/2)}\right] = (1-\alpha)$$

Therefore the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  Confidence Interval for  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{(n-1), (\alpha/2)}} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{(n-1), (1-\alpha/2)}}$$

Also, for  $\sigma$ :

$$\text{CONF}_{100(1-\alpha)\%} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{(n-1), \alpha/2}}} \leq \sigma \leq \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{(n-1), 1-\alpha/2}}} \right\}$$

# EXAMPLE

IQ scores are usually accepted to be normally distributed with a variance of 225. Nine students in a certain high school were randomly selected and tested. Their IQ scores were:

93, 95, 98, 100, 105, 109, 110, 123, and 130.

Determine the 95 percent confidence interval around the population variance.

$$n = 9 ; s^2 = 159$$

95% Confidence Interval

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.025$$

Need  $\chi^2$  values corresponding to 0.975 and 0.025 with  $(n-1) = 8$  degrees of freedom

Critical values } from Table:  $\chi^2_{8, 0.975} = c_1 = 2.180$  (for  $1 - \alpha/2$ ) and  $\chi^2_{8, 0.025} = c_2 = 17.535$  (for  $\alpha/2$ )

$$k_1 = (n-1)s^2/c_1 = (8)(159)/2.180 = 583.5$$

$$k_2 = (n-1)s^2/c_2 = (8)(159)/17.535 = 72.5$$

$$\text{Thus CONF}_{95\%} \left\{ \begin{matrix} 72.5 \leq \sigma^2 \leq 583.5 \\ (k_2) \qquad \qquad \qquad (k_1) \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{\text{dof}, \alpha/2 \text{ or } 1-\alpha/2}} \qquad \sqrt{72.5} \leq \sigma \leq \sqrt{583.5}$$

## HYPOTHESIS TEST FOR VARIANCE OF A NORMAL POPULATION

Test Statistic:  $\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2}$

CASE 1:  $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$   
 $H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$

$c_1 = \chi^2$  value for  $(1 - \alpha/2)$  with  $(n-1)$  dof  
 $c_2 = \chi^2$  value for  $(\alpha/2)$  with  $(n-1)$  dof

Reject  $H_0$  if  $\chi^2_{test} < c_1$  or  $\chi^2_{test} > c_2$

CASE 2:  $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$   
 $H_1: \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$

$c = \chi^2$  value for  $(1 - \alpha)$  with  $(n-1)$  dof

Reject  $H_0$  if  $\chi^2_{test} < c$

CASE 3:  $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$   
 $H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$

$c = \chi^2$  value for  $(\alpha)$  with  $(n-1)$  dof

Reject  $H_0$  if  $\chi^2_{test} > c$



# HYPOTHESIS TEST FOR VARIANCE OF A NORMAL POPULATION EXAMPLE

The lapping process which is used to grind certain silicon wafers to the proper thickness is acceptable only if the population standard deviation is at most 0.50 mil. A sample of 15 wafers is selected, and the standard deviation of the sample is calculated to be 0.64 mil. If  $\alpha = 0.05$ , determine if the lapping process is unsatisfactory.

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$$

$$\sigma_0 = 0.50$$

$$s = 0.64$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

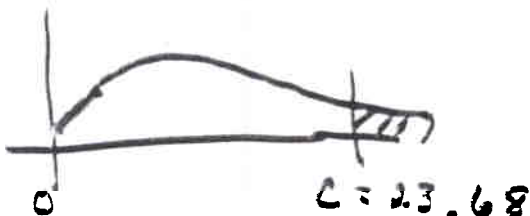
$$n = 15$$

$$\chi^2_{test} = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{(14)(0.64)^2}{(0.50)^2} = 22.94$$

From Table At  $\alpha = 0.05$ , with  $(n-1) = 14$  dof,  $\chi^2_{crit} = 23.68$

Since  $\chi^2_{test} < \chi^2_{crit}$ ,

We cannot reject  $H_0$ .



# HYPOTHESIS TEST FOR VARIANCES OF TWO POPULATIONS

Test Statistic:  $F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$     numerator dof  
denominator dof

CASE 1:     $H_0: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 = d$      $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$  when  $d=0$   
 $H_1: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 \neq d$

$c_1 = F$  value for  $(1-\alpha/2)$  with  $(n_1-1, n_2-1)$  dof  
 $c_2 = F$  value for  $(\alpha/2)$  with  $(n_1-1, n_2-1)$  dof

Reject  $H_0$  if  $F_{test} < c_1$  or  $F_{test} > c_2$

CASE 2:     $H_0: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 = d$   
 $H_1: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 < d$

$c = F$  value for  $(1-\alpha)$  with  $(n_1-1, n_2-1)$  dof

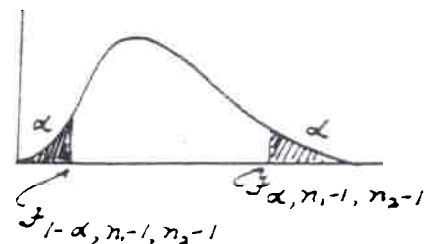
Reject  $H_0$  if  $F_{test} < c$     Reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow H_1$  is probably true  
 do not Reject  $H_0 \Rightarrow$

CASE 3:     $H_0: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 = d$   
 $H_1: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 > d$

$H_0$  is probably true.

$c = F$  value for  $(\alpha)$  with  $(n_1-1, n_2-1)$  dof

Reject  $H_0$  if  $F_{test} > c$



## F - DISTRIBUTION

### obtaining values for two tails

Note that, in the F-Distribution tables, the values of F that are provided are for UPPER-TAIL probabilities ONLY.

In order to obtain F-Distribution values for LOWER-TAIL probabilities:

$$F(1-\alpha), (n_1-1), (n_2-1)$$

$$= 1 / \left( F(\alpha), (n_2-1), (n_1-1) \right) \text{ "inverse" } F$$

NOTE the reversal of the degrees of freedom

For Example:

$$\text{Suppose } \alpha = 0.05, n_1 = 7, n_2 = 11$$

$$\text{So } F_{0.05, 6, 10} = 3.22$$

To obtain  $F_{0.95, 6, 10}$  :

$$\text{Acquire } F_{0.05, 10, 6} = 4.06$$

$$\text{and then } F_{0.95, 6, 10} = \frac{1}{4.06} = 0.246$$

Two sided test - Say  $\alpha = 0.05$

$F_{\alpha/2, n_1-1, n_2-1}$  for upper limit

$1 / F_{\alpha/2, n_2-1, n_1-1}$  for lower limit

## EXAMPLE

It is desired to determine whether there is less variability in the silver plating done by Company 1 than in that done by Company 2. Independent random samples of size 12 yield standard deviations of 0.035 and 0.052 mil for Company 1 and Company 2, respectively. For  $\alpha = 0.05$ , are we willing to conclude that there is less variability in the silver plating done by Company 1?

$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 = 0$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 < 0$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$n_1 = 12 \Rightarrow \text{dof}_1 = 11$$

$$n_2 = 12 \Rightarrow \text{dof}_2 = 11$$

$$S_1 = 0.035 \Rightarrow S_1^2 = 0.001225$$

$$S_2 = 0.052 \Rightarrow S_2^2 = 0.002704$$

$$\text{Test statistic: } F = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} = \frac{0.001225}{0.002704} = 0.453$$

$$F_{\text{crit}} = F(1-\alpha), (n_1-1), (n_2-1) = F_{0.95, 11, 11}$$

$$F_{0.95, 11, 11} = 1 / F_{0.05, 11, 11} = 1 / 2.82 = 0.355$$

Since  $F_{\text{test}} > F_{\text{crit}}$ , we cannot reject  $H_0$

